

the Brethren have organized and we have the following as a membership: Mr. and Mrs S. J. Harrison, Mr and Mrs P. J. Lichty, Harry Lichty, Mrs Cora Gordon, Homer L. Brown, Mr and Mrs. Daniel J. Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Lichty, Roy C. Lichty.

Just twelve—the apostolic number. This is a small nucleus, but others are coming and we have reason to think that not in the very distant future we will have a properous class at Sunnyside.

As stated above in our church federation, we are not expected to lose our identity as denominations. The house we are building will be ours for our services, for our lovefeasts or our revival meetings and it will be just as distinctly a Methodist church for that people and their services as if they had built and owned the church.

We realize the failure that has been made of union churches and union services and while this is un- it also is individuality. It is simply co operative. On this principle our work at Sunnyside both temporally and spiritually is receiving the richest and choicest of God's blessings. We ask the prayers of our own church, of the Christian people where ever they know us and can be made to feel an interest in us and earnestly look forward to the over-throw of sin and iniquity in Sunnyside. H. M. LICHTY.

Gravelton, Ind.

After a long delay I will write a few items from this place which may interest some.

We are still holding services every two weeks under the care of our pastor, C H Marks. Our meetings have been of great interest the past year. Brother Marks has just closed a series of meetings of twenty-four nights with five coming out on the Lord's side, good attendance and fine audiences. Never heard the plan of salvation made as plain as those meetings, truly no one could err therein that has taken one thought of their poor soul. After taking a few days needed rest our pastor returned fully convinced by the divine spirit that the work was not finished at this place, took up the work again continued seven nights longer and four more accessions, nine in all and thirty-one night's work.

Truly this was a spiritual feast to the attentive hearer. We are somewhat lost now as to where to spend the long evenings, would enjoy another such a feast.

We can say for one that we were wonderfully blessed during these meetings, many stood and testified as witnesses for Christ.

"Where will I spend eternity?" should be foremost in the mind of every individual. There are so many who ignore the teachings of the crucified Christ.

Our report would not be complete without saying something about our Sunday school. We are progressing finely, our attendance is good, reorganized for the year with a good corps of assistants and teachers. Last Sunday's collection in one class was \$ 50. and the largest class numbered twenty two. We think there should be more attention placed on this work than in the past. We say to all interested in the school come with a well prepared lesson and full determination of spending more of our time in the Sunday school work and church work the coming year. "Diligence is the best guarantee of success."

JESSE HOLDEMAN.

Goshen, Ind.

Yesterday was the second service here since our recent illness. We announced it as Letter Day. The effort paid. There were thirteen who presented letters and six others whose letters had not reached them yet. Nineteen will add materially to our working force. And there are more to follow. These letters varied in age, from one week to three years, and in locality, from Twelve Mile, Ind., to Lathrop California. Many people drift into a city of this size and get out of touch with our work.

Brethren if you are isolated start a church in your house. Your wife will loan you a shelf in the pantry on which you can pile your tracts for distribution among the people. Get your directions from a pray-

erful study of The Acts of the Apostles, and you will succeed.

The Sunday school started out nicely. I ordered literature on faith that it would be used and paid for. Half enough was raised the first day to pay for it. Our first prayer meeting for the church will be held Thursday evening.

The brethren continue to remember us with their gifts. I want to take this opportunity to thank you all. Indeed, most of our eatables have been furnished since here. May God bless the givers.

I have had three weddings here—two while in bed sick—another evidence that there is some love in the community.

G. W. RENCH.

MEXICO, INDIANA

The first Sunday of the New Year was given to the Lord's work at Mexico. Tho without a pastor for a long time the church showed evidence of very much life. The morning audience was fine, both in numbers and sympathy. Notwithstanding the rain a large audience made an inspiring service on Sunday evening. The C. E. Society paved the way for this service. Hard work for the church was the sentiment most emphasized thru out the services. After having been out of the work for three months it was quite refreshing to get into a church whose members are not afraid they will do too much, or give too much for the Lord's cause. The difficulty in northern Indiana is that there are so many who have ceased to work for their church. Because of this indifference there are more than half of our congregations that will have no revival meeting! This condition is alarming. You brethren who would rather not have a meeting because of the expense, and the bother to attend, where do you expect to make your bed in eternity? You ought to go back to the German Baptists where you would be assessed for your share of expenses and missionary work, and then be thrashed every Sunday because of your religious laziness.

But I must go back to Mexico. I was not only in all of the services, but in fifteen of the homes. It is said, 'the last shall be first.' Just so. In the last home was my first wedding here. Brother Keyes and sister Laura Greer were the guilty parties. In this day of combinations and trusts, who could blame them. May the richest blessings of heaven be theirs.

The meeting for the Mexico church will begin the first Sunday of February. We want to meet every "progressive" within ten miles of Mexico at that time.

G. W. RENCH.

Gravelton, Ind.

It has been some time since we made a report of our work. The church at Gravelton is in a prosperous condition. We have just closed our revival in this church. There were nine precious souls made the start to work for the Lord. We had a glorious, spiritual meeting with a large attendance and a good interest thru the entire meeting. The Lord has blessed the work in this place. This is our third year in this church, and the good work still moves on. Praise the Lord for his goodness.

C. H. MARK

Bible Reading—Sin

- 1 What sin is, I John 3:4.
- 2 Its consequences, Rom. 6:23.
- 3 Who have sinned, Rom. 3:23.
- 4 How God looks at it, Prov. 15:9.
- 5 Kinds of sin—Omission, Jas. 4:17; Commission, Gal. 5:19-21; Secret, Ps. 90:8.
- 6 Final result Rev 21:8
- 7 The only remedy, I John 1:7-9
- 8 Conclusion, Isa. 55:7.

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Married

CHANDLER—DEERWESTER.—At Warsaw, Ind., Dec. 15, 1900, Mr. John M. Chandler and Miss Eunice M. Deerwester. Both are active workers in the church. May God's blessing be upon the union.
C. F. YODER.

DAVIS—WHITTED.—At the home of the bride's parents, Mulvane, Kans., on Dec. 26, 1900, Mr. B. B. Davis and Miss Jennie Whitted. After congratulations a bountiful repast was served. They launch out upon the sea of life with bright prospects and the best wishes of their many friends. May their days on earth be many, pleasant and useful.
L. G. WOOD.

Memoir

A Good Man Gone

It is with no small degree of sadness we have learned thru the Wayne county papers that our esteemed brother, Cyrus Hoover, has recently left the shores of mortality. A German Baptist elder of the exceptionally good kind, one who always acted from the standpoint of right, with him right was eternally right, and wrong was eternally wrong. He will be remembered by many of the older members of the church as the man who, about three miles south east of Smithville in Wayne Co., Ohio, entertained the Annual Meeting in 1872. Altho always liberal and exceptionally hospitable, he was blessed with a liberal share of this world's goods. He was always ready to help in any and every good work. He always regarded as unjust the eager manner in which the Conservatives grabbed nearly all of the church property by a mere technicality of law, and as an evidence of this faith, when in 1883, we built the Fair Haven church he donated to us the generous amount of fifty dollars and about the same time I preached two or three sermons in the church near his home, gaining access to it thru the River Brethren who were part owners of the house. When I left his hospitable home he said, "Brother Brown, you have preached here many times in the past, we did not always properly reward you, so I will make you a small present," handing me in his unostentatious manner, a five dollar bill. I report these things to show the true character of Elder Cyrus Hoover, whose house was always a home to all who availed themselves of its hospitalities. I did not learn the particulars of his last days, but know this, that he was much afflicted for several years, that he endured it all with great patience and Christian fortitude, and departed in peace at the ripe age of nearly 78 years. The church, the neighborhood, yea, the world is bereft of one of the best of men. We honor and revere his name as one of the true men of this generation, and finally believe that had there been more of that kind and fewer like D. P. Sayler and myself in 1882 there would have been no rupture in the church; instead of headstrong contention for what we considered our just due coolheaded counsel and forbearance would have prevailed. But I am pleased to know that the rough edges are wearing off, that a better feeling prevails. Thanks to God for such men as Elder Cyrus Hoover.

P. J. BROWN.

DICK.—Samuel Dick, December 30, 1900. He was married to Miss Mary A. Croft, Dec. 10, 1856, in Iowa. Moved to Kansas in 1877, where he remained until his death. Mr. Dick came into the house on Sunday, Dec. 30, from doing some chores. His wife asked him to take a seat, being seated he suddenly fell to the floor and breathed his last. He was buried Jan. 6, 1901, in the presence of a large number of sympathizing friends, all the family being present except two sons. His age was 66 years, 9 months and 15 days. Services by the unsigned.
G. J. WOLTERS.